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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of Missile and Satellite Systems, USAF

SUBJECT: Project ARGON

REFERENCE: Memorandum to DD/P (CIA) from:
Director, Office of Space Systems;
Subject: Project ARGON -- Auto-
metrics Corporation Proposal for
Additional Tasks and Equipment;
dated 7 February 1962 (SAFMS 18-62)

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide a basis for operational control of the ARGON requirements, camera program, and communications distribution.

2. The following procedures are in response to paragraph b. of referenced memorandum, and assumed Agency operational responsibility to plan, direct, and control the ARGON intelligence gathering capability. Agency personnel have been directed to perform in accordance with the guidelines listed below:

a. COMOR will establish requirements for camera coverage and the distribution and priorities of the product.

b. This Agency will plan, direct, and control ARGON camera program.

c. This Agency will provide and operate the Control Center and communications facilities in support of ARGON operations.

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d. This Agency will provide transportation of "take" from Eastman-Kodak to the consumer.

e. SAFUS will maintain liaison with other government agencies for data reduction and exploitation of the product.

f. SAFUS, in coordination with NPIC, will establish requirements for teams to operate from Eastman-Kodak after a recovery of "take".

3. Request your comments or concurrence with the above procedures at an early date so that final administrative preparations can be made prior to the proposed ARGON launch in May.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (RESEARCH)

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